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FOL TEL SENT ACTION SAIGON FROM NHA TRANG APRIL 21, 1973

RPTD TO YOU FOR YOUR INFO

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L NHA TRANG 0415

1. IN INTERESTS OF COMPLETENESS AND ACCURACY, WISH TO UPDATE AND SUPPLEMENT FOLLOWING MR 2 ITEMS USED IN EMBASSY' S DAILY SIT REPS OVER PAST WEEK:

2. IN BAN ME THUOT DISTRICT KILLINGS IN DARLAC (SAIGON 6407, APRIL 14-16 SIT REP), NUMBER OF BODIES TURNED OUT TO BE EIGHT RATHER THAN TEN; TWO OF THE CIVILIAN LOGGERS IN THE PARTY MANAGED TO ESCAPE. NATIONAL POLICE SAY THAT AK-47 ROUNDS FOUND AT SCENE PROVE VC WERE RESPONSIBLE, BUT PEOPLE IN AREA CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT OTHER PERSONS MURDERED GROUP AS WARNING TO GREEDY LOGGERS.

3. IN POLISH INTERPRETER' S ACCOUNT OF LIFE AT DUC CO (SAME TEL), WE OMITTED ONE POINT OF INTEREST. THIS WAS THAT PRG AREA COMMANDER IN DUC CO, WHO SAID HE HAD BEEN THERE FOR SIX MONTHS, BECAME VERY NERVOUS DURING INTERPRETER' S STAY (MONTH OF MARCH) WHENEVER ICCS
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HELICOPTERS FROM PLEIKU FAILED TO ADHERE TO EXACTLY TO THEIR TIME SCHEDULES. PRG OFFICER WOULD "TURN WHITE" AND MAKE "FRANTIC" ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT HIS UNITS IN THE FIELD, ORDERING THEM NOT TO SHOOT. (ALTHOUGH INTERPRETER DID NOT SAY SO, ONE PROBLEM IN COORDINATION OF FLIGHTS IN THIS AREA MAY RESULT FROM INDEPENDENTLY-REPORTED ENEMY USE OF INDOCHINA OR HANOI TIME, GMT PLUS 7, AT DUC CO AND BEN HET.)

4. WE HAVE NOW OBTAINED CORRECT COORDINATES FOR VNAF AIRSTRIKES THAT TOOK OUT NINE OF TEN TRUCKS ON APRIL 19 (SAIGON 6877, APRIL 20 SIT REP). LOCATION WAS YV. 97.69, JUST ON PLEIKU SIDE OF PLEIKU/DARLAC BOUNDARY AND ABOUT 15 KMS EAST OF CAMBODIAN BORDER. IN WEEKLY OVERVIEW FILED APRIL 21, WE REFER TO A SECOND SIGHTING ON APRIL 20, AFTER WHICH VNAF DESTROYED TWO OF THREE MOLOTOVA TRUCKS AND DAMAGED THE THIRD. LOCATION OF THIS SIGHTING WAS YV. 90.63, SAME GENERAL AREA BUT WITHIN DARLAC PROVINCE.
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